

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12 and 13 are revised to place this application in condition for allowance. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, and 13 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

In response to new grounds of rejection, the claims have been revised to claim the combination of the automatic machine and the door and door chassis combination.

With this change, it is submitted that the question regarding the makeup of the door and door chassis is resolved.

In response to the other rejections other 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, claims 2, 4, and 5 are revised to remove the reception structure means and describe the additional components and function as part of the door and door chassis combination. Claim 2 has also been revised to be consistent with the language of claim 1 regarding the mobile panels.

Claim 12 is revised to address the instances of a lack of antecedent basis and clarify how the upper and lower rails interface with the roller device and the guide device. This claim is written to permit one of the upper and lower rails to have the roller device with the other having the guide device as explained on page 5, lines 29-31.

With the changes to the claims, all claims are now within the purview of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and the rejection based on this statute should be withdrawn.

Turning now to the prior art rejection, it is submitted that the prior art does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness against claim 1 as amended.

First, Applicants wish to reiterate that the invention permits an operator running an automated machine to open the door of a door and door chassis combination enclosing the machine, and view the man-machine interface used to control the machine at the same time that the automated machine is in view. This allows the operator to observe the operation of the automated machine when the interface is used to control the machine operation.

In the rejection, the Examiner combines United States Patent No. 6,715,311 to Wasnock et al. (Wasnock) and United States Published Patent Application No. 2003/0103023 to Ootsuka et al. (Oostuka) to allege that claims 1, 2, 4, 12, and 13 are obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Applicants traverse this rejection on the grounds that these patents do not teach an automated machine having the claimed door and door chassis combination. Wasnock teaches a refrigerated case that has particularly designed folding doors, which are alleged to be the same as that claimed. Admitting that Wasnock does not teach a man-machine interface, the Examiner cites Ootsuka to allege that placing an LCD display device on a refrigerator door is known, and that the LCD display device is a man-

machine interface. The Examiner concludes that it would be obvious to put the LCD display device of Ootsuka on the door of Wasnock, since each are refrigerators.

The rejection is flawed for two reasons. First, even if one were to put the device of Ootsuka on the door of Wasnock, the automated machine assembly with its door and door chassis would not be taught. This is because claim 1 requires an automated machine in combination with the door and door chassis combination and a man-machine interface that controls the automated machine. There is no automated machine in the refrigerated case of Wasnock, so placing the LCD display device on the case door produces a refrigerated case with a display device, not an automated machine assembly as defined in claim 1.

Second, the LCD display device of Ootsuka does not relate to the operation of the refrigerator. The display device is one that has various kinds of information on it, see paragraph [0014], and provides energy savings. However, it is not a man-machine interface as defined in claim 1 that controls an automated machine.

For these reasons, combining the teachings of Wasnock and Ootsuka does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness against claim 1.

Secondly, Applicants submit that the rejection lacks the proper reasoning for making a rejection. That is, there is no reason why one would take the display device of Ootsuka and place it on the doors of Wasnock.

Ootsuka's display device is intended for a refrigerator to display information that is important for a household. Figure 9 of Ootsuka shows a typical example of the functionality of the display device, i.e., provide instructions regarding dinner.

The refrigerated case of Wasnock is a commercial type for shoppers, see col. 1, lines 11-15. There would be no reason whatsoever to provide the information providing display device of Ootsuka intended for a household refrigerator on a commercial refrigerator case stocked with goods for purchase by shoppers. The Examiner's reasoning for modifying Wasnock is improper since the proper rationale does not exist. The mere fact that a display device exists in the realm of Ootsuka is not sufficient to contend that it would be obvious to modify Wasnock. Applicants are not claiming to invent the display device of Ootsuka. However, Applicants are the first to combine the features of the automated machine assembly of claim 1 for the advantages stated above.

Therefore, the rejection is also flawed since it does not provide the proper reasoning for combining the teachings of Wasnock and Ootsuka.

In summary, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established by the applied prior art and claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over this prior art. Therefore, this claim and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine this application in light of this response and pass all pending claims onto issuance.

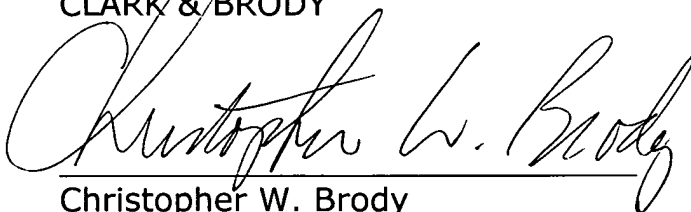
If the Examiner believes that an interview with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting allowance of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at 202-835-1753.

The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action dated July 24, 2007.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

A petition for a two month extension of time is hereby made. A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

Respectfully submitted,
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